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Why shouldn't XM be banned from providing traffic and weather information to its subscribers? Free air radio currently does a terrible job of disseminating this information over the airwaves, only providing this info when they choose to. Consumers should have free choice to use whichever radio service they deem fit for their needs and wants. If XM provides services that others do not and if consumers pay for and use this service, they should have the same access to traffic and weather information as anyone else. If XM chooses to offer this value added service to its subscribers, they should be allowed to do so. Isn't this what a free market economy is all about? Free air broadcasters shouldn't be allowed to hold a monopoly on this kind of information. If you look at the cable / satellite TV model, the weather Channel is free to offer 24/7 weather information without free air broadcast TV networks complaining about it. How is it any different when it comes to radio? The FCC should be an advocate of free, unhampered dissemination of information and entertainment to all, not one playing the role of puppet to interest groups and lobbyists.